

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3249

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2535  
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2535, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Child Care Classroom Contracts Pilot Program to require the Department of Human Services to contract directly with child care center providers in licensed infant and toddler child care centers and group child care centers that meet certain criteria;
- (2) Require reports to the Legislature; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for a position to support the pilot program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Aloha United Way, Hui for Excellence in Education, Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!, Early Childhood Action Strategy, Parents And Children Together, AAUW of Hawaii, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Save Medicaid Hawaii, Commit to Keiki, Chamber of Sustainable Commerce, Early Learning Board, and twenty-six individuals.



Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that demand for high quality early learning programs are outpacing available enrollment in existing programs. Many families face months-long of waitlists, limiting the number of alternative arrangements for families. Additionally, providers have also experienced rising costs for child care programs, creating additional difficulties to increase capacity and meet demand. Therefore, this measure will provide support to Hawaii's youngest keiki and their families in pursuit of early learning and quality child care.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2535, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health and Human  
Services,



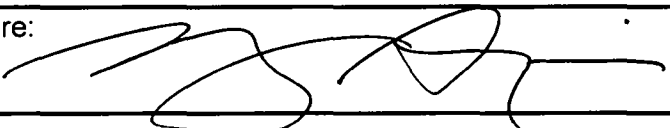
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JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health and Human Services**  
**HHS**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 2535, HD1	HHS, WAM	3/18/24
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓	
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓	
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓	
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓	
AWA, Brenton	✓	
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<b>TOTAL</b>	4/5	
Recommendation:		
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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